

Application No. 09/800,018
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Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of the claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

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1. (Currently amended) An anchor device for a safety rope, the anchor device including:
- a rod or tube;
 - receiving means for receiving an end of a safety rope mounted on or integral with a first end portion of the rod or tube; and
 - securing means for securing the device directly or indirectly to a building element, said securing means including a second end portion located opposite the first end portion of the rod or tube, at least a portion of the second end portion being threaded; and
~~wherein the rod or tube includes a tapered portion with the smaller end of the tapered portion nearest to the receiving means, said tapered portion deforming by progressively bending under sudden load applied to said receiving means.~~
at least one locking nut adapted to engage the threaded portion of the second end portion, the at least one locking nut including a non-threaded sleeve which extends around a portion of the rod or tube, the non-threaded sleeve deforming when a load applied to the receiving means exceeds a predetermined value.
2. (Original) The device of claim 1 further including mounting means to which the securing means is attached.
3. (Original) The device of claim 2 wherein the mounting means includes two or more locations to receive the securing means.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)

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7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously presented) The device of claim 2 wherein the mounting is adapted to be attached to said building element.

9. (Previously presented) The device of claim 1 wherein said building element has an aperture and said securing means passes through or engages with the aperture.

10. (Previously presented) The device of claim 9, further including a mounting means, wherein the building element is sandwiched between the mounting means and the at least part of the securing means.

11. (Withdrawn) A building element including at least one mounting location for receiving the anchor device of claim 1.

12. (Withdrawn) The building element of claim 11 wherein the at least one location is a threaded bore.

13. (Withdrawn) The building element of claim 12 wherein the at least one location is a bore sized to allow the securing means to pass therethrough to engage the mounting means and sandwich the building element between the mounting means and at least part of the securing means.

14. (Currently amended) The combination of ~~an~~ the anchor device as claimed in claim 1 and a building element including at least one mounting location for receiving the anchor device.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)